

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

### SELPA Membership

(AR 2002)

The governing boards of the following school districts and local educational agency charter schools (together, school districts and local educational agency charter schools shall be referred to herein as “LEAs”) have joined with the Santa Barbara County Education Office pursuant to California Education Code section 56195.1(c) to form the Santa Barbara County SELPA:

Adelante Charter School, Ballard School District, Blochman Union School District, Buellton Union School District, Carpinteria Unified School District, Cold Spring School District, College School District, Cuyama Joint Union School District, Family Partnership Charter School, Goleta Union School District, Guadalupe Union School District, Hope School District, Lompoc Unified School District, Los Olivos School District, Manzanita Public Charter School, Montecito Union School District, Orcutt Union School District, Peabody Charter School, Santa Barbara Charter School, Santa Barbara Unified School District, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, Santa Maria-Bonita School District, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, Solvang School District, Vista Del Mar Union School District, and the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

LEAs who wish to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA must apply to do so by November 1 of the current fiscal year. Membership will become effective no earlier than the first day of the second fiscal year following the year in which the request is filed with the SELPA. Therefore, membership that is requested by the deadline during the 2026-2027 fiscal year will not become a member until the first day of the 2028-2029 fiscal year.

An LEA may withdraw a request to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA at any point prior to the JPA Board’s vote on the membership at the February Council meeting (e.g., the Council will vote in February of 2027 on any membership applications submitted by November 1, 2026). If the Council votes to approve, the LEA may no longer withdraw.

### I. SELPA Member Application

The application to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA shall include the following:

LEA Name:	Contact Person(s):
Address:	City
Email Address(es):	Zip Code:
Phone Number(s):	Fax Number:

#### SECTION I: Assurances

The above-named LEA hereby assures the Santa Barbara County SELPA that it will:

- Comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act, Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, California Education Code, and all related state and federal laws and regulations relating thereto.
- Comply with the Santa Barbara County SELPA joint powers agreement (“JPA”), local plan, policies, and administrative regulations.
- Document that all special education funds apportioned to the LEA are used in accordance with federal and state law.

- Ensure that all eligible students enrolled in the LEA will receive special education services in accordance with federal and state law.
- If the LEA is not a charter school, compliance with all federal and state laws related to students attending private schools who reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA and who attend a private school located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA.
- Comply with all federal and state laws related to enrollment of students in the LEA, including, but not limited to no discriminating against students on the basis of a disability in the enrollment process.
- Be responsible for all costs incurred in the provision of special education services to students for whom the LEA is responsible for serving.
- If the LEA is an LEA charter school, that it will comply with, and keep current, it's charter documents and relationship with its chartering agency.

## SECTION II: Accompanying Narrative and Supporting Documents

The above-named LEA shall include the following narratives and related supporting documents in its application to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA:

- Description of the LEA and all instructional programs provided—both general and special education.
- Description of students served by the LEA.
- Description of the administrative and instructional staff employed by the LEA, including job descriptions and required credentials.
- Description of LEA class size standards—both general and special education.
- Description of special education programs and services operated by the LEA, including those that are provided under contract with another agency, and service delivery plan, including:
  - Actual numbers of students served in special education;
  - Actual numbers of student eligible under each category of special education eligibility;
  - The last two fiscal years' California State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR); and,
  - Types of specialized academic instruction and related services operated or contracted for by the LEA.
- Description of administration and supervision to provide oversight and accountability for special education and related issues for the LEA.
- Actual special education budget and expenditures for the past two (2) fiscal years, including contingency reserves for special education programs and services.
- If an LEA charter school, a copy of the charter school's approved charter petition and any related agreements (e.g. a special education services memorandum of understanding) with the charter school's chartering agency.
- If an LEA charter school, the minutes of the LEA Board meeting documenting approval, or most recent renewal, of the charter petitioner and any related agreements with the charter school's chartering agency.
- The minutes of the LEA's board meeting where the LEA's board approved applying to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA, including agreement with the Santa Barbara County SELPA's JPA, local plan,

policies, and administrative regulations pending approval of that membership by the Santa Barbara County SELPA.

- If the LEA is currently a member of another SELPA, proof that the LEA is in compliance with that SELPA's policies and procedures related to withdrawing from that SELPA.

The application shall be signed by the chief administrator of the LEA with the statement that the representative is a duly appointed and authorized representative of the LEA, attests and agrees to the information contained in the application and applies to become a member of the Santa Barbara County SELPA.

## **II. SELPA Member Application Approval Process**

The SELPA Executive Director will take the LEA's application to the JPA Board for consideration in its voting and approval process at the regular February meeting following when the application was received.

JPA Board shall consider all of the information provided to them from the application and the SELPA Executive Director. The JPA Board shall then vote to determine which, if any, new member LEA applications to approve. Approval must be by unanimous vote of the JPA Board. Upon approval by the JPA Board, the LEA shall become a member LEA of the SELPA.

The JPA Board's decision shall be final. There shall be no right to appeal this decision or to proceed through alternative dispute resolution because the applying LEA is not a member of the SELPA.

## **III. Withdrawal from SELPA**

After at least one full fiscal year of membership, a member LEA may provide notice by November 1 of withdrawing from the SELPA in the second fiscal year after providing such notice. (e.g., if notice is provided by November 1, 2026, the LEA's withdrawal will take effect on July 1, 2028.) A member who withdraws must establish that they have been approved by the State of California as a new single-district SELPA or by another SELPA for membership in a multi-LEA SELPA in order to withdraw.

## **IV. Removal from SELPA**

The SELPA values its members but recognizes that there may be a need to remove a member from the SELPA. In accordance with the SELPA's alternative dispute resolution processes, if a dispute arises involving a member's failure to comply with SELPA policies and administrative regulations, that cannot be resolved and results in a member's refusal to comply with the JPA Board decision, the Board may elect to provide notice to that member that it must find another SELPA to join effective at the conclusion of the current fiscal year. (e.g., Notice of removal provided during the 2026-2027 fiscal year will become effective on the June 30, 2027.) This decision on removal is final and may not be appealed.

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